Llwynhelig House, Cowbridge

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A well-preserved late Regency style two storey villa with a long range facing south and another shorter one at right angles to the east end. Probably a 17_{th} century house in origin, but completely re-built and enlarged in the early to mid 19_{th} century so as to give an external appearance only of that date.

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September 1778 William Howells born at Llwynhelig, the eldest of a family of twelve children — see the newspaper article chs03952

1841 census Morgan Morgan, 45, agricultural labourer

Morgan Morgan, 14, independent

1851 census James Ballard, widower, ?60, a farmer of 207 acres, born Cowbridge

and son James, 17, born Cowbridge with two female servants and one male

1861 census James Ballard, 73, a farmer of ?100 acres employing 12 men and 3 boys,

with son James, 26, unmarried, a lieutenant in the artillery,

plus three servants

1871 census The Ballards had moved to Verlands House, Cowbridge.

At Llwynhelig was Thomas Culverwell, farmer, 53, of ?125 acres, from

Timberscombe, Somerset

with his wife Ann, born Hatch Beauchamp, Somerset,

and their daughter Flora, a scholar;

also 2 visitors and 2 servants

The Culverwells, who were living in Timberscombe, Somerset in the 1861 census, had other daughters Anne, Lucy and Alice. Anne and her sisters went on to open a private school in Cowbridge.

1874, March 26th Death of Thomas Culverwell in Cowbridge, aged 56

1881 census Evan Thomas, 54, a farmer of about 300 acres, employing 6 men and one

boy, born Peterston super Montem

wife Elizabeth, sons Evan, William and David, plus daughters

They seem to have previously farmed in Llancarfan.

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1891 census Evan Thomas, 64

wife Elizabeth, and children Mary Ann, Robert, Thomas, Elizabeth and

George (ages from 24 to 14), plus 3 servants

1901 census Evan Thomas, farmer aged 74, with wife Elizabeth,

children Elizabeth (27) and George (24),

and 3 servants (one being William Harkett, 24, from Llanmaes)

George Thomas married into the Lougher family.

Tre Vychan elm, behind Llwynhelig House, on the way to Penlline Castle – 'May 1_{st} 1865. On showing this sketch to my friend, Mr N Bird, he told me he was one of forty eight schoolboys who got inside the hollow elm at the same time. He acknowledged it to be a perfect crush.....' ? notes of David Jones of Wallington

Sources/abbreviations:

GRO Glamorgan Record Office
Tithe, census, directories, electoral registers – in GRO
RCAHM Royal Commission Ancient & Historic Monuments
David Jones of Wallington - notes in Cardiff Central Library